

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, March 18, 2004

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair; Judge Donald Armstrong, Jr.; Col. John Aubrey; Walker Cunningham (Designee for Irv Maze); David Elder; Judge Stephen George; Leo Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Roger Henderson; Thomas Dyke (Designee for David Huber); Richard Lewis; Marjean Martin; Rob Powers (Designee for Debora McGill); Debbie Linnig Michals (Designee for Tony Miller); Lt. Col. Barry Green (Designee for Col. Joe Payne); Judge James Shake; Dave Stengel; Tim Vize; Lt. Col. Terri Winstead (Designee for Chief White); Clarence Williams; and Louis Willis.

Excused Members: Deborah McGill; Kim Allen; Sheriall Cunningham; Reverend Charles Duncan; and Robert Schmitt.

Guests Present: Lt. Governor Steve Pence; Judge Eleanor Garber (Family Court); Glenda Bradshaw (County Attorney's Office); Jeni Gamble (Center for Women and Families); Trish Berry (Youth Enhancement Services); Sharon Brite (LMPD); Russ Stapleton (LMPD); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); Tom Atkins (Special Advisor); and Jessie Halladay (Courier-Journal).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Toya Waters; Bruce McMichael; Faith Hartlage; Stephanie Stidham; and Barbara West.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Montano, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance, and opened with introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 19, 2004 MEETING

The meeting summary of the February 19, 2004 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Montano thanked Tom Atkins, Special Advisor, for extending a personal invitation and making arrangements for guest speaker, Lt. Governor Steve Pence to address the Commission. She also mentioned Governor Fletcher's appointments of Mark Miller as Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police (KSP) and Erwin Roberts as the Homeland Security Director for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Commission has worked closely with both individuals in the past and looks forward to working with them in their new positions.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Steve Pence, Lt. Governor - spoke of some of the new drug initiatives that he and the Governor have begun. In his role as Secretary of the Justice Cabinet, Mr. Pence is being proactive in reducing the backlog of drug testing performed by the KSP Lab. If the backlog is not reduced in a timely manner, the oversight of the lab will be transferred to the Justice Cabinet. Mr. Pence mentioned the local efforts of the newly formed Drug Field Testing Committee initiated by Judge Don Armstrong and

currently chaired by Ann Schiavone Dyke. The Committee is researching ways to speed up the handling of drug cases in the courts system.

The new administration is looking for ways to manage the drug problems in our state. Mr. Pence stated that the State cannot incarcerate its way out of the drug problems. In an effort to obtain feedback on the drug issues facing the various communities throughout the State, drug assessment summits are being conducted to perform a comprehensive analysis of the problems. The summits are a collaborative effort of law enforcement, treatment providers, prevention educators, schools, churches, etc. There will be 16 summits held statewide. After four summits are conducted, the assessment panel will evaluate the extent of the problems, available resources, new approaches to providing treatment, treatment options and mechanisms to receive treatment. These four evaluations from the 16 summits will form the basis of policy development to be presented to the Governor.

Drug courts will play a major role in the drug initiative. Funding was earmarked in the proposed budget for 61 new drug courts and continued funding for existing courts. Current status of the State budget reflects that this funding has been eliminated. Mr. Pence is hopeful that it will be put back into the budget for approval. Judge Armstrong mentioned the newly formed Drug Court Subcommittee of the Commission that he is chairing. The committee is looking for funding opportunities to continue Jefferson County's Drug Courts, which are some of the oldest in the country. Judge Garber, who oversees the Family Drug Court program, mentioned the impressive recidivism rates for drug courts. Mr. Pence also acknowledged the savings that drug courts provide to a community. For every \$1.00 in drug court costs, it costs \$7.00 in the correctional system.

At this point in the meeting, Judge Montano excused herself to return to a hearing and asked Dave Stengel to preside.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Interagency Committee - Domestic Violence Prevention and Coordinating Council - Jeni Gamble, Co-chair updated the Commission on recent presentations made to the committee which included small police department initiatives, the teen dating violence network, and juvenile court advocacy. Individual cases are also discussed at these committee meetings to determine more effective and efficient ways to handle domestic violence cases. The committee approach is multi-agency and provides information sharing.

B. Legislative Committee - Walker Cunningham, Chair reported that there have been 285 bills introduced in the Senate (52 criminal justice-related) and 715 bills introduced in the House (128 criminal justice-related). The Governor has signed only four bills into law and of those, one, the Fetal Homicide Bill, is criminal justice-related. Two bills that local government is interested in and has provided assistance on pertain to hit and runs and doubling the fine for speeding in a school zone (treat it like a work zone). There is still hope for the school zone bill. Mr. Cunningham referred to the Criminal Justice Legislative Summary in the agenda packets.

C. Jail Policy Committee - David Nicholson announced that the committee is scheduled to meet on March 19th at noon. Bookings are down but the average length of stay is now at 19 days with a rise in the felony population. The committee will be working with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) who will be providing technical assistance. A meeting with the NIC consultant has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th.

D. Computerization Committee - Tim Vize, Chair advised that Phase I of the Electronic Citation project is near completion. There are a few minor issues remaining to be addressed, one of which is notarization of citations.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson reported on the following:

Grant Activity - \$8.9M has been allocated for Metro Government through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Domestic Preparedness to address unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs to assist in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to and recover from, threats or acts of terrorism. In order to receive the funding, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro must prepare an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) strategy. Staff is scheduled to meet with representatives from DHS and the Commonwealth of Kentucky on March 19th to finalize Metro's strategy.

Staff continue to work on the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant initiatives, as well as the Disproportionate Minority Confinement grant which receives technical assistance from the Burns Institute in California.

MetroSafe - since the Commission's February meeting, consultants from PEC Solutions, Inc. have conducted a site visit to Louisville Metro to begin assessment of the public safety interoperability issues. They have presented an aggressive timeline for system integration. The consultants will provide the framework for addressing the interoperability issues through the \$6M funding from the COPS Interoperability grant. The MetroSafe combined communications center location and director will be announced soon.

Conference - American Community Preparedness Conference and Expo "Response to Terrorism 2004" will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center on May 11-13, 2004. Anyone interested was encouraged to attend.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Linnig Michals announced that since Appriss provided its JusticeXchange presentation at the Commission meeting in February, she is working with Appriss on a daily basis on warrant information. In return for Appriss running 100 Circuit Court warrants daily, she is providing training in the warrant process for the Appriss sales force.

VIII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center. There will be no meeting in April.